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STUDENTS' UNION HOUSING CONTRACT AWARDED

The contract for the Students' Union Housing Development was awarded last week to Poole construction. Construction of the project on 112 Street south of the Henry Marshall Tory Building will begin immediately.

There had been a delay of almost a month in awarding the contract as a result of bids considerably higher than the original target cost of \$5,047,100. Poole Construction presented the lowest tender at \$5,600,000.

The new Housing facility will accommodate some 1,000 students in two-bedroom, four-bedroom, and bachelor apartments on either side of an enclosed pedestrian mall. Rent per student per month will be \$50 in four bedroom suites, \$80 in two-bedroom suites, and \$90 in bachelor suites.

Privately operated businesses will be located along the mall, including a bank, barber and beauty shops, a book store, tobacco and news stand, and specialty food services. There will also be a billiards room operated by the Students' Union.

The building is scheduled for completion by the end of October next year, although according to JIM HUMPHRIES, Chairman of the Students' Union Housing Commission, some suites should be available for occupancy for summer session next year.

Site preparation is under way for two other buildings which will be started this fall, Education II, behind the existing Education Centre, and the Centennial Hospital, between the Clinical Sciences Building and the interns' Residence.

Another phase of the deep tunnel sewer system will be started later in the fall, extending from the new Mechanical Engineering Building, under construction east of the Engineering Centre, to the General Services Building. Tunnelling methods will be used extensively to minimize surface disruption. The road past the Hydraulics Laboratory and the Art Workshops will be kept open.

CONSTRUCTION REPORT

Eight major building projects are in various stages of completion, according to the August 15 Progress Report of the Campus Development Office.

The Law Centre is almost complete, and

the Faculty of Law has moved into the fourth floor offices and parts of the first, second, and third floor library areas. Carpeting, panelling, and seating for classrooms are being installed.

Windsor Car Park (Car Park II) is substantially complete, with only the surfacing for the tennis courts to be finished.

The schedule for completion of the Basic Medical Sciences Building has been extended to January 31, 1972. Mechanical and electrical work is in progress, as well as sandblasting, which is producing a more uniform finish on the concrete exterior.

The Humanities Centre is 24 per cent complete. Concrete slab has been poured for most of the second floor level of the main building and for the grade level of the lecture theatres.

Chemistry II, Engineering Centre II (Mechanical Engineering), the Fine Arts Building, and Rutherford Library II all are somewhat behind schedule because of labor strikes and inclement weather.

MARINE BIOLOGY GRANT

The Western Canadian Universities Marine Biological Society (WCUMBS) has been awarded a \$500,000 grant by the National Research Council of Canada to assist in the development of research facilities for a marine biological station on the west coast of Vancouver Island.

The Society consists of a consortium of five universities—Alberta, Calgary, British Columbia, Simon Fraser and Victoria.

The Grant provides for close co-operation between WCUMBS and the new federal Department of Environment.

The Centre will be the first of its kind on the Canadian west coast. It will be located at Bamfield, a fishing village on Barkley Sound, and will make its headquarters in an old federal cable station designated as an historic site and monument in 1930.

The Bamfield station will function as a major centre of marine biological research on the west coast, and it will promote contact between resident and visiting scientists. It will complement existing inner coast facilities of the Fisheries Research Board at Nanaimo and West Vancouver and those of the University of Washington.

D. M. ROSS, Dean of Science at The

University of Alberta, says the grant has significant meaning to University students interested in careers in marine science.

"In spite of our inland location, The University of Alberta needs an outlet to the sea, both for teaching and research," says Dr. Ross. "Many kinds of living organisms are found only in the sea, and biological studies are incomplete unless they include some work in marine locations."

"We welcome the award of a substantial development grant to launch the facility, and we look forward to co-operating with the other four universities in the development and use of the laboratory."

DONNER FELLOW NAMED

JOHN C. COUGHLAN, Provincial Judge in Edmonton, has been named the first recipient of the Donner Fellowship. He will spend the next eight months as a lecturer in The University of Alberta's Faculty of Law.

The fellowship is a new project started this year by the University. The Donner Canadian Foundation, a national charitable organization, has agreed to provide most of the \$18,000 grant for two years. The grant is being supplemented by faculty funds.

GERALD FRIDMAN, Dean of the Faculty of Law, says the purpose of the project is "to get magistrates to come to the University 'on sabbatical.' It will enable Judge Coughlan to study criminal law away from the day to day pressure of the courts, and he also will be lecturing the third-year students on the administration of criminal justice."

A 1972-73 Donner Fellowship will be chosen next year by the faculty, the Attorney-General's department, and the Provincial Judge's Association. The project then will be reviewed and a permanent program will be set up through the government or the Donner Foundation.

VISITING PROFESSOR

R. K. DASGUPTA has been appointed Distinguished Visiting Professor in the Department of Comparative Literature, 1971-72, at The University of Alberta.

Dr. DasGupta was born in Calcutta, India and was awarded his Master of Arts degree in English in 1937. He received a PhD in



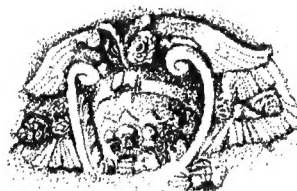
They arrived one after another, the carpets and the cartons and the students seeking truth. The new Law Centre found itself thrust into the world, with all the perils and pleasures of majority, a sort of instant legalis homo, before it had a chance to get fully clothed.

Bengali in 1949 and a PhD in English from Oxford University in 1957.

Since 1938 Dr. DasGupta has been teaching English and Bengali at graduate and postgraduate levels. He joined the University of Delhi in 1962 as its first Tagore Professor of Bengali. He was Head of the Department of Modern Indian Languages at the same university from 1962 to 1970, as well as being Dean of the Faculty of Arts from 1964 to 1967.

While at The University of Alberta, Dr. DasGupta will teach two courses, one on Relations between Asian and Western Literature and the other on Special Topics in Asian Literary Theory and Criticism.

The Stone Owl



ACCENTUATING THE POSITIVE

The latest version of practically everything—tractors, television sets, laundry soap, political platforms—invariably is labelled “bigger” and “all new improved.”

One of the few things for which this claim is uncontestedly true is the new edition of the Students' Union *Course Guide*, published last week. In fact, it is a safe guess that the *Guide* is the best of its kind in North America; certainly it is one of the fairest.

This year the *Course Guide* is a fat, careful, and eminently more understandable document than the two preceding volumes. It contains detailed information on 90 per cent of the courses offered last year in the Faculties of Arts, Science, and Education, culled by computer and a few dedicated students from over 50,000 questionnaires filled out in 1,167 classes last winter. (The 1968 *Course Guide*, the first one published at this university, covered 235 courses; the 1969 edition, 492 courses; no *Guide* was published the following year because of a lack of funds.)

The new *Guide* also lists courses and instructors for the coming year, describes new courses, has an introduction which explains clearly how to use the *Guide* and discusses the question of student evaluation of courses and professors generally, and contains a time-saving cross-referenced index of instructors.

The students who produced the *Course Guide* are as aware as critical staff members of the general problems of student evaluations and the specific problems of this document. Funds permitting, in the future they want

to include more courses, to improve the format and add to the book's usefulness. Most importantly, “We need to devise a new questionnaire. We inherited the one we used from the last *Course Guide* and the questions were not entirely satisfactory,” commented Education student BETH ATKINSON, Assistant Editor of the *Guide*, already thinking of improvements for next year. “We hope we can have a separate *Course Guide* for each faculty, asking questions that are relevant to its courses.” The problem of the validity of student assessment of their professors is always hanging in the background. “But this is information the students can use, and even if it isn't perfect, it should be made available to them.”

It is for this reason that a book costing about \$2.70 to produce is being sold for 50 cents. Notices describing the *Course Guide* and its use will be distributed broadly during Registration Week, when the book will be sold in Lister Hall as well as the Bookstore and the Information Desk in the Students' Union Building. Careful consultation of the *Guide* will enable students to register with some knowledge of the kind of course and, as much as possible, the kind of professor they will have for the next seven months.

One staff member, discussing the value of the *Guide*, thought it did both the students and the instructors a favor in “matching them up, which is about as important in a university as it is in a marriage.” Some students prefer highly structured, formally organized courses; others are more stimulated by informal courses with free-wheeling discussion. Judicious reading of the *Guide* can help lessen misunderstandings in advance.

While the *Course Guide* is intended primarily for the students, it is useful to staff members too, mostly as a mirror. Each professor receives the complete statistical breakdown of the questions (only a summary is given in the *Course Guide* itself) plus all written comments by the student. Complete feedback through the questionnaire may show instructors ways they could improve their courses; certainly it shows them whether or not they are getting through to their students. Statistical breakdowns but not comments are sent to department chairmen for their records. The long-range hope is that all this information will help improve teaching at The University of Alberta.

In the *Course Guide* most of the statistics were broken down and presented in verbalized form. “We discovered in the past,” said Beth Atkinson, “that students did not know how to use the statistical tables. Usually they just drew their conclusions from the comments, which gave a distorted

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picture of the courses." Only the positive responses were verbalized in most cases; negative responses were mentioned only if they showed a particularly strong and general dissatisfaction with some aspect of the course. The comments were handled in the same way, with accent on the most positive points and an aversion to cute sarcasms.

In fact, the students bent over backwards to be kind as well as fair to their instructors. Their main reason was that they *wanted* to be fair, to present useful and important information but not to hurt anyone's feelings.

They were extra careful for other reasons as well, for a few individuals on staff (perhaps individuals who felt they had reason to worry) had threatened libel suits if entries for their courses displeased them. Consequently all statistical summaries and summaries of comments were checked by the University solicitor before publication.

This year the Students' Union has produced an outstanding *Course Guide*. Regardless of any presumed weaknesses in student evaluations, no one can deny that the impression a professor makes on his class has rather a lot to do with the effectiveness of his teaching. For students, perhaps some will be misled by the *Guide*, for different people have profoundly different personal reactions. At the very least the *Guide* represents a sound, responsible attempt to give information which is available nowhere else.

As a footnote, Vice-President (Academic) HENRY KREISEL has found another use for the *Course Guide*. "At a time when a lot of misinformed people are criticizing instruction at this university unjustly, it pleases me to see proof of the high calibre of teaching here," he said. "And it is nice to be able to bring this out and say 'This is what our students think about it.'"

—J.F.R.

PEOPLE

■ MISS SARAH R. REED has left the School of Library Science to become Associate Dean of the Graduate Library School at Indiana University, and MISS E. P. HENDERSON, Associate Professor of Library Science, has been appointed Acting Director of the School. MRS. MARION E. RICHESON will be sessional lecturer for one year.

The School has recently moved from the Education Centre to the third floor of Rutherford Library.

■ BARBARA LACROIX, Public Relations Officer, was elected Vice-President of the Association of Canadian University Information Bureaus at its recent annual meeting at Memorial University, St. John's, Newfoundland.

NOTICES

SABBATICAL LEAVE

The following notice has been received from JOHN NICOL, Secretary to the Dean's Council at The University of Alberta.

Full-time members of the faculty who are eligible for sabbatical leave are reminded the closing date for the receipt of applications for leave during the academic year 1972-73 has been advanced to October 15, 1971.

Time should be allowed before October 15 to permit processing of the application by the department chairman and dean concerned.

It is expected that applications will be considered by the Dean's Council at its meeting October 20, 1971.

Application forms may be obtained from Mr. Nicol, 432-4954.

GENERAL FACULTIES COUNCIL

The Executive Committee of the General Faculties Council has authorized the Committee to Investigate Teaching to study the pass/fail grading system as an alternative to the present grading system in undergraduate courses. The Committee to Investigate Teaching has set up certain guidelines for examining this system.

The Committee is interested in learning if faculty members would be willing to take part in the study by having one or more of the courses they teach conducted under the pass/fail system. Faculty members desiring to do this or wishing to inquire further into the nature of the grading system and the proposed experiment with the Committee to Investigate Teaching, are asked to contact D. L. SCHAEFFER, 432-5259, or DAVID OTTO, 432-5295.

The Committee to Investigate Teaching has set up Room 289 in the Central Academic Building as an experimental learning environment. The room has been furnished in a somewhat unconventional manner. Staff members are invited to view the classroom Thursday, September 9 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Additional information concerning scheduling and objectives of the room may be obtained from DAVID OTTO, 432-5295.

DIGITIZING SERVICE

The Department of Technical Services is interested in coming into contact with anyone who has at present or will have graphic data that needs to be digitized for subsequent computer assisted analysis. The graphic data could be in the form of maps, slides, film, engineering drawings, strip charts, etc.

If it can be demonstrated, through contractual arrangements for work to be done, that a sufficient amount of this type of (data reduction) requirement exists and that it is not at the present time readily available on campus, Technical Services will attempt to provide a digitizer for general campus use. This equipment would be located centrally

and made available on a per hour or per day basis. The charging would be on a cost per hour basis if the user digitized his own data, or on a cost per point digitized if the digitizing service was provided.

A digitizer consists essentially of a table with moveable cursor, a control circuit containing the X and Y co-ordinate registers and an output device. This output could be on cards, magnetic tape, punched tape or typewriter. Cost for a basic system of this nature is approximately \$20,000.

Anyone having a need for this type of a device now or foreseeing a use for it, or needing some more information or having some ideas on the subject, is asked to communicate these needs and/or ideas to MARTIN DE LEUW at 432-5835 or at Room 372, General Services Building.

VACUUM PUMP WORKSHOP

"Sargent-Welch" will conduct a two-day workshop on the maintenance and operation of vacuum pumps September 13 and 14. Any departments having technicians they would like to have attend the workshop should contact W. H. JOPLING, Co-ordinator of Technical Services, 432-3302.

STAFF BASEBALL RESULTS

The results are now in from the first annual baseball game between the Chemical-Petroleum and Mechanical Engineering staffs. Despite adverse weather conditions and the umpiring of Dean Ford and Associate Dean Flock, the Chemical and Petroleum Engineers managed to eke out a narrow 22-2 victory.

AUDITIONS

Auditions for the Richard Eaton Singers will be held Tuesday, September 7 at 8 p.m. in Room 345, Agriculture Building. Auditioning will be for all voices and is open to anyone interested. Performances scheduled are: Handel's *Messiah*, Haydn's *Creation*, and *Grand Mass de Notre Dame de Machaut* with the Edmonton Symphony. The director will be SANDRA MUNN, Assistant Professor of Music at the University.

LIBRARY SEMINARS

The University of Alberta Library will sponsor a series of seminars intended to stimulate discussion of the services and information sources available at the University and other libraries.

The seminars will be held on selected Tuesdays and Thursdays at 3:30 p.m. in the Penthouse of the Cameron Library and are open to anyone interested.

Seminars scheduled this month are: "Interlibrary Loan Service," MRS. B. SCHWOB, September 23; and "National Bibliographies, a Comparative Analysis of the British Museum, Library of Congress, and Canadian Catalogues," MRS. S. RANSOM, September 28.

A complete schedule for the fall series may

be obtained from the Reference Department, Cameron Library, 432-3794. Monthly schedules will appear in FOLIO.

THIS WEEK AND NEXT

WEST INDIAN SOCIETY

A West Indian Society dance will be held Friday, September 10 at the Hazeldean Community Centre, 96 Street and 66 Avenue. The music will be provided by the Caribbean Harmonites Steel Band and the Tropical Playboys. There will be an admission charge of \$2 per person.

FACULTY WOMEN'S CLUB

The Faculty Women's Club invites all wives of new staff members and new ladies of the faculty to an informal coffee party to be held Wednesday, September 8 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the Faculty Club, 11435 Saskatchewan Drive, to meet new members and become familiar with the activities of the club. Free baby-sitting facilities will be provided.

FACULTY CLUB

Special events at the Faculty Club include the following. For reservations, telephone 432-4231.

Friday, September 3. Downstairs. TGIF—Golf Tournament Barbecue, \$3.50.
Upstairs. Gourmet Special, Frogs Legs a la Provencale, Paupiettes de Veau, Alsatian Noodles, Gazpacho Salad, Malna Torte. \$13 for two. Regular menu.

Saturday, September 4. Upstairs. Gourmet Special, Frogs Legs a la Provencale, Paupiettes de Veau, Alsatian Noodles, Gazpacho Salad, Malna Torte. \$13 for two. Regular menu. Dinner 6 to 9 p.m. Dancing until midnight.

PERSONAL NOTICES

Notices must be received by 9 a.m. the Friday prior to publication. Rate is seven cents per word for the first insertion and five cents per word for subsequent insertions ordered with the first. To avoid billing, notices MUST BE PAID IN ADVANCE. For assistance or order blanks, telephone Mrs. Adrienne Lent, 432-4991.

Accommodation available

FOR RENT—One-bedroom suites—reduction for one year lease—12411 Landsdowne Drive.

FOR SALE—Country home by owner. Finest river view property in Edmonton area. 1-1/2 acres, unique ravine setting. Fully landscaped, fieldstone terraced garden. Three bedrooms, hillside home. All rooms southern exposure. Secluded private location, 15 minutes University, 5 minutes Misericordia. Price \$75,000. 487-3698.

FOR SALE BY OWNER—Four-bedroom modern house, family room, rumpus room, double garage, fully landscaped. Southside. 434-0287.

FOR SALE BY OWNER—1,600 sq. ft. three-bedroom bungalow in Riverbend. 10 minutes to University. Broadloom throughout. Professionally decorated.

Landscaped and fenced. Open fireplace in large attractive rumpus room. Attached double garage. Many extras. \$45,500. 435-6189 or 432-3283.

HYDE PARK BECAUSE—A Hyde Park condominium apartment sets you free to do what you want to do! Come to Hyde Park . . . Edmonton's luxury highrise. Buy a Hyde Park apartment and watch your investment grow while you are free from the chores of suburbia. Hyde Park has all the convenience of downtown living and the facilities of a country club. Set yourself free! Phone 488-1117, 10160 - 115th Street.

FOR SALE—Alcan two-storey house, four bedrooms, 1,900 square feet, finished basement, Petrolia. 435-1630.

FOR SALE—Five-bedroom split-level. Grandview. \$40,000. Preston, 434-4406.

Accommodation wanted

TO PURCHASE—Home in Belgravia or Windsor Park. 432-6603 days.

WANTED—Male graduate student to share furnished three-bedroom apartment. Rent \$65. Call Don at 432-4372 or 454-4931.

WANTED—Graduate or senior student to share large semi-furnished house in West End. Dave, 484-0370, after 5 p.m.

Automobiles and accessories

FOR SALE—1970 Buick Skylark 4-door deluxe Doctor's car. Mint condition, fully equipped. 488-4022.

FOR SALE—1967 Austin 1100. Excellent body, diagnostically sound, one owner, 37,000 miles. 433-6243.

FOR SALE—1970 Club-wagon (microbus), furnished, heating. \$4,200 new—empty, now \$2,800. Offers. 435-6782.

FOR SALE—1969 Mustang 351 cubic inches. Fully powered, stereo, 24,000 miles. 11427 - 105 Street. 477-1122.

FOR SALE—1969 Envoy Deluxe. Excellent condition. 433-5643.

FOR SALE—1965 Austin 1100, 56,000 miles. 1959 Volkswagen, 98,000 miles. Robin 432-3772 or 435-6052.

FOR SALE—1963 Volvo 544. Good condition. 433-2936 (nights).

FOR SALE—1970 Fiat Sport Spider convertible. 439-7774.

FOR SALE—Camper trailer. 434-4406.

FOR SALE—1966 Volkswagen, reasonable, evenings 6 to 9, 432-7894.

Goods and services

FOR SALE—Three-piece bedroom suite; 9' x 12' rugs; bookshelves; 12-inch bike; rocking horse; pole-lamp. 434-8140.

FOR SALE—Antique marble-top wash-stand; small three-legged wall table; mahogany knick-knack bookshelf; floor polisher; single file drawers; Coleman stove; small wire fencing; fertilizer spreader; BBQ hood, motor; electric lawn mower; curtains; Singer button-hole attachment. 435-3342.

WANTED—Good used furniture. Also appliances (fridge, washer, etc.). Will pay cash! Call 434-2781 after four.

DRESSMAKING AND ALTERATIONS by experienced seamstress. Telephone 433-2351.

URGENTLY REQUIRED—Ride from vicinity 84 Avenue and 169 Street. Regular hours, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. September 1, to Biological Science Building or Campus. 432-3310.

FOR SALE—Kitchen suite. Three pair drapes. Good condition. 439-1405.

RIDE WANTED—From Tory Building to Sherwood Park on every Monday, 9 p.m. Will pay \$1 per ride. 699-2886 evenings.

RIDE NEEDED—From 10718 - 106 Street to University. Hours adaptable. 432-4795 days, 429-4005 evenings. Will pay.

SOCIAL WORKER required for sectarian family agency.

Work under supervision as caseworker.

Bachelor's Degree in Social Work or equivalent.

State salary preferred. References. Apply in writing Jewish Family Services, 216 McLeod Building, Edmonton.

FOR SALE—White wool East Indian rug, 11' x 13', new condition. \$550, sell \$300; 14' Ivory drapes \$75; stove \$50; dishwasher \$25; Davenport \$30; heater \$10; single mattress \$15; 16' bench \$20; basket chairs \$5; bookcase \$10; workbench \$5; TV tables \$5; pole-lamp \$10; floor polisher \$25. 465-4348.

FOR SALE—Sundry youths' bikes, skis, skates, dingy (sail). 434-4406.

FOR SALE—Piano, Willis upright grand, \$350. 434-4406.

FOR SALE—Shag Rug; American Colonial bedroom suite; vacuum cleaner; floor polisher; walnut table; rocking chair; reclining chair; household effects. 439-7774.

POSITIONS VACANT

HUMANITIES RESEARCH COUNCIL OF CANADA AND SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH COUNCIL OF CANADA

ADMINISTRATOR SCHOLARLY PUBLISHING to be responsible for the administration of the Council's programs supporting scholarly publications, and for advising the Councils on scholarly publication. Applicants should be familiar with scholarly publishing in Canada and should have a good working knowledge of French and English. Apply in writing before 15 September to Executive Secretary, Humanities Research Council of Canada/Social Science Research Council of Canada, 151 Slater Street, Suite 415, Ottawa, Ontario.

NON-ACADEMIC STAFF

Applicants are sought for the following positions. The Personnel Office (Room 121, Administration Building) will provide further details to interested persons, who are asked not to approach the departments directly.

Biochemical Technician I (\$468-\$597)—Pharmacology
P.E. Lab Assistant II (\$350-\$446)—Faculty of Physical Education

Food Storeman Assistant (\$1.75-\$2.00/hr.)—Household Economics

Programmer II (\$627-\$800)—Library System;

Administrative Data Processing

Programming Consultant (\$691-\$882)—Computing Services

Junior Statistician (\$691-\$882)—Computing Services

Writer Analyst (\$691-\$882)—Computing Services

Consultant Analyst (\$691-\$882)—Computing Services

Clerk Steno I (\$288-\$368)—Food Science

Accounts Clerk I (\$333-\$425)—Comptroller's Office

Clerk Typist II (Half-time) (\$317-\$405)—Slavic Languages

Clerk Typist II—exams (\$317-\$405)—Registrar's Office

Clerk Typist II (\$317-\$405)—Bookstore; Political Sciences; Purchasing; Psychology

Clerk Steno II (\$333-\$425)—Dentistry;

Educational Psychology; Physical Education;

Education—AV Media Center; Personnel; Health Services Administration

Clerk Steno III (\$386-\$491)—Mathematics

Switchboard Operator (\$317-\$405)—Student Health Service; Utilities

Secretary (\$446-\$569)—Dean of Engineering

Departmental Secretary (\$516-\$658)—Linguistics;

Faculty of Arts